HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joanne Brengel on her selection as Teacher of the Year for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brengel was recently selected as a Teacher of the Year by the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel received a Bachelor's of Science in Education in 1987 and a master's degree in Education in 1993 from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brengel has served with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade teacher for twenty exemplary years, teaching at Ringgold Elementary School from 1987 to 1988, at Minglewood Elementary School from 1988 to 1996, and at Burt Elementary School since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel gives back to her profession through her membership in various professional organizations, including the Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Association, which she has served as a Membership Representative; the Tennessee Education Association, which she has served as a Delegate to the Representative Assembly; the Mid-Cumberland Reading Association, which she has served as President and Scrapbook Coordinator; and the International Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing herself as an educational leader, Ms. Brengel has participated in numerous educational leadership activities, including serving as an EDGE

Conference Presenter, a School Improvement Program Coordinator, a School Improvement Program Team Leader, a 504 Team Member, and a Science Fair Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel's excellence as an educator has been duly recognized by her receipt of many honors and awards, including the 2002 Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year Award and the 2006 Local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award; in addition, she has been nominated for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, included in *The Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education*, and selected for National Honor Roll's American Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brengel is a civic-minded individual who tirelessly works for the improvement of her community; she contributes her time and many talents to the Tennessee Trails Association, Bowling for Kids' Sake, and the Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brengel truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Brengel truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joanne Brengel on being chosen as a Teacher of the Year by the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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